

## U .S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### CRIMINAL DIVISION

#### RESIDENT LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE SECI CENTER IN ROMANIA

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**About the Office:** The mission of the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) is to develop and administer technical and developmental assistance designed to enhance the capabilities of foreign justice sector institutions and their law enforcement personnel, so those institutions and their personnel can more effectively combat terrorism, organized crime, corruption, financial crimes, trafficking in persons and other types of crime, in a manner consistent with the rule of law, and can more effectively cooperate regionally and with the United States in combating such crime.

#### **Responsibilities and**

**Opportunity Offered:** The Office seeks an experienced Assistant United States Attorney or Department of Justice Trial Attorney to serve as a Resident Legal Advisor (RLA) to the Southeastern Europe Cooperative Initiative (SECI) regional crime center in Bucharest, Romania. This assignment is for a term of 12 months with the possibility of an extension, contingent upon the receipt of additional funding. **(This is a reimbursable detail).** The RLA will provide criminal law technical and skills development assistance to the SECI Center. The RLA will provide advice to U.S. and European law enforcement agents stationed at the SECI Center. The RLA will work with U.S. and European officials in ongoing efforts to revise the SECI Center's charter and clarify its relationship with various EU institutions. The RLA will also provide advice and assistance to the Southeastern European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG). The RLA will promote the long-term institutional development of the SECI Center and SEEPAG. In addition, the RLA will work closely with country-based RLAs and justice sector officials in SECI and SEEPAG countries and with the European Union to provide technical assistance and to improve the capacity of the member countries to effectively investigate and prosecute terrorism, organized crime, corruption, financial crimes, trafficking in persons and other crimes.

**Qualifications: Required qualifications:** Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia. **Applicants must be a current Department Trial Attorney or Assistant United States Attorney** and must have at least four or five years of post J.D. experience to be qualified at the GS-14 or 15 level. Applicants must have the ability to

function effectively in an international, multi-cultural environment; be mature and self-sufficient; communicate effectively orally and in writing; be able to efficiently initiate and manage work projects; and possess extensive prosecutorial experience and specialized experience working with task forces or interagency investigative units.

**Preferred qualifications:** Specialized experience handling trafficking in persons, terrorism, organized crime, corruption and/or financial crimes cases is preferred. Additionally, comparative law experience with the criminal justice systems of Central and Eastern Europe and a general professional proficiency in one or more of the languages of the region are desirable attributes.

**Travel:** Periodic travel will be required.

**Salary Information:** Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level. (See OPM's Web page at [www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm](http://www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm))

**Location:** The RLA will be stationed in Bucharest, Romania beginning in or about November 2007.

**Relocation Expenses:** Relocation expenses are authorized.

**Submission Process**

**and Deadline Date:** Interested applicants should obtain the concurrence of their Section Chief, Office Director, or U.S. Attorney prior to submitting a resume and cover letter (highlighting relevant skills and experience) to the Nicholas S. Acker, Regional Director, Central and Eastern Europe, United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), 10<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania Aves., NW, Washington, D.C. 20530. Mr. Acker's fax number is (202) 616-6770. His email address is [nicholas.acker@usdoj.gov](mailto:nicholas.acker@usdoj.gov).

Applications will be accepted until this position is filled.